

House Resolution No. 1773

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Mary C. Kasten of Cape Girardeau has attained considerable distinction as an educator, a community activist, and a former state representative; and

Whereas, Mary Kasten recently enhanced her already impressive record of achievement when she was nominated for the prestigious DeVerne Lee Calloway Award which is given annually by the Women Legislators of Missouri organization in honor of Missouri's first African-American woman state representative; and

Whereas, the DeVerne Lee Calloway Award is presented to a Missouri woman whose commitment and determination have resulted in highly positive contributions to equality and social justice by furthering legislation related to equal opportunities for all Missourians in education, housing, employment, and other important aspects of society; and

Whereas, born on June 6, 1928, Mary Kasten is a graduate of Matthews High School who continued her education at Southeast Missouri State University and the University of Pittsburgh; and

Whereas, Mary Kasten served on the Cape Girardeau School Board for twenty years and the Southeast Missouri University Board of Regents, founded the Cape Girardeau Community Caring Council, and was first elected to the Missouri House of Representatives in 1982; and

Whereas, during her tenure with the Missouri House of Representatives, Mary Kasten was universally praised as a sponsor of legislation concerning children's and family issues; and

Whereas, Mary Kasten is the beloved wife of Dr. Melvin C. Kasten and the loving mother of Mark, Mike, and Margaret (Meg) Kasten:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved nomination of Mary Kasten for the DeVerne Lee Calloway Award and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Mary C. Kasten of Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Sharon Sanders Brooks
District No. 37

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 1773, adopted April 4, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker